



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ms. Lopez,

I am responding to your November 2, 2009, Freedom of Information Act request, dated Nov. 2, 2009.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) does not contract directly with any lobbyists, lobbying organizations or lobbying firms. Therefore, we do not have records that are specific to your request.

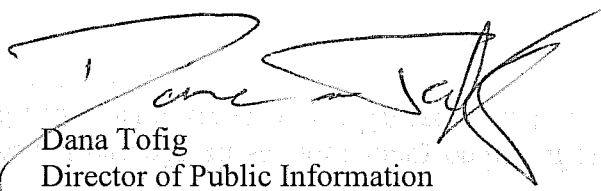
MCPS does belong to two organizations that, as part of their services, lobby on behalf of school districts, but not specifically for MCPS – the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) and the Public School Superintendent's Association of Maryland (PSSAM). The most recent annual dues for those two organizations are:

- Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE): \$38,457
- Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland (PSSAM): \$8,500

The Board of Education does have a staff member, Ms. Laura Steinberg, who handles legislative and intergovernmental relations, but her role is not to serve as a lobbyist.

I am responding on behalf of the superintendent of schools who, as official custodian of records for the school system, is responsible for replies under the Maryland Public Information Act, Maryland State Government Article §§10-611, et seq.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Information

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